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(iv) It has been found from experience that the vessel also requires to be fitted with a cold store for keeping fish fresh till they are brought ashore for the market. It was only recently a decision was possible as to whether a cold store should be fitted on board or not.

(e) (1) The following statement gives the information :—

	RS.
Capital expenditure	1,04,589
Repairs to boiler tubes	7,806
Cost of gear	1,408
	1,13,803

	RS.
Running charges for the trawler up to 31st July 1927.	57,587

Receipts—	RS.	A.	P.
Deep-sea fishing	128	15	3

(2) The High Commissioner originally estimated the cost of the trawler at £4,000 and the Admiralty when approached in the matter demanded £4,500; but as the result of some negotiation, the Director-General of Stores was able to secure a reduction to £3,000.

Prohibition of the capture of sword fishes in coastal towns.

* 556 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state--

(a) whether it is a fact that cholera broke out in the coastal towns of Southern India whenever the season for capture of sword fishes came; and

(b) whether the Government propose to prohibit capturing of sword fishes in the sea water, bringing them to any of the shores of the Madras Province, and selling them for human food?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Sword fishes are rarely caught and are not so far known to cause any epidemic.

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Aid to village panchayats for maintaining dispensaries.

* 557 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications have been made by village panchayats since the passing of Act XV of 1920 for aid to maintain—

(i) Ayurvedic dispensaries;
(ii) English dispensaries;

(b) how many of them have been granted such applications; and

(c) how many have been rejected and for what reasons?